

Applying Repellents Safely

Basic Repellent Tips

To determine how frequently you need to apply repellent, check the label.

If you are not being bitten, it is not necessary to re-apply repellent.

Wash off repellents with soap and water when you go indoors.

Bathe children after use, especially when using repellents on multiple days.

If you apply repellent to clothing, wash it before wearing it again.

Store all pesticides away from children's reach

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How can repellants be applied safely?

- Read the label on the repellent and follow the directions carefully.
- Don't allow children to handle or apply repellents. Do it for them.
- Don't put repellent on young children's hands because they are likely to put their hands in their mouths.
- Avoid applying to areas around the eyes and mouth.
- Don't spray a child's face; apply first to your hands and then rub onto the face.
- Don't breathe in repellents.
- Spray only outdoors.
- Don't use near food.
- Don't spray on cuts, scratches or rashes.
- Don't apply under clothing.

If you suspect that you or your child is having an adverse reaction to a repellent, discontinue use of the product, wash treated skin, and call the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 or your physician for help. If you go to a doctor, take the repellent container with you.